# Green Action Team Green Buildings Committee September 21, 2006 Status Update

## **LEED-Existing Buildings**

#### **DGS Certifications**

- The Department of Education Building received the LEED-EB PLATINUM certification on July 27, 2006
  - o DGS will attain 6 additional LEED-EB certifications by the end of 2007.
  - o In September 2006, the four buildings that comprise the Capitol Area East End Complex began their online submittal process for LEED-EB Gold.
  - CalTrans and DGS are partnering in an effort to attain LEED-EB certification for the Cal Trans District 7 building in Los Angeles, which received LEED-NC certification at the Silver level.
  - DGS is pursuing LEED-EB certification for the Board of Equalization building in Sacramento after it undergoes retro-commissioning.
- Building engineers will conduct LEED-EB scoring audits at the 42 remaining buildings in the DGS portfolio that are larger than 50,000 square feet, beginning with the Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco and California Energy Commission building in Sacramento. Next, evaluations will take place at buildings that undergo retro-commissioning, and then evaluations will occur on a regional basis. This will be accomplished by the end of 2007.
- After the evaluations, buildings will be assigned into one of three categories: buildings that can achieve Silver certification; buildings that require equipment and operational changes to achieve certification; and buildings that require modifications and funding. DGS will certify those buildings in the first two categories while working on a solution to the funding problem.

#### Other State Agencies Certification

- DGS will work with other State Agencies to assist them in LEED-EB certification for all of their buildings larger than 50,000 square feet.
- Department of Motor Vehicles has two buildings in Sacramento over 50,000 square feet and will begin evaluating the necessary steps to attain LEED-EB Silver for their East Building which will align with the retro-commissioning that is planned for this year.

# **LEED-EB on State Leased Buildings**

- DGS and the California Integrated Waste Management Board are working to create a "Working Green Laboratory" to affect change in the workplace for improved recycling participation, more energy efficient building equipment, sustainable work practices, and alternative transportation issues.
- DGS will work with building owners to attain LEED-EB Silver certification for the Ziggurat building.

## **LEED-EB and LEED-NC Coordination Meetings**

- The LEED users group meets monthly to discuss strategies for implementing LEED measures.
- Design elements and construction features of LEED-NC facilitate LEED-EB certification, so coordination is crucial.